GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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RELAXATION IN FELLING AND TRANSIT RULES FOR FOREST PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes, to relax felling and transit rules for forest produce from areas falling in the private or non-forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefit to be accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) The felling of trees standing on private non forest land is governed by State Laws and Rules made for the purpose. The transportation of forest produce including timber is governed by the transit rules framed by the State Governments under the powers conferred upon them under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927/State Forest Acts.Hence, providing relaxation for felling and transit of forest produce from areas falling in the private non forest land is a matter to be decided at the state level.